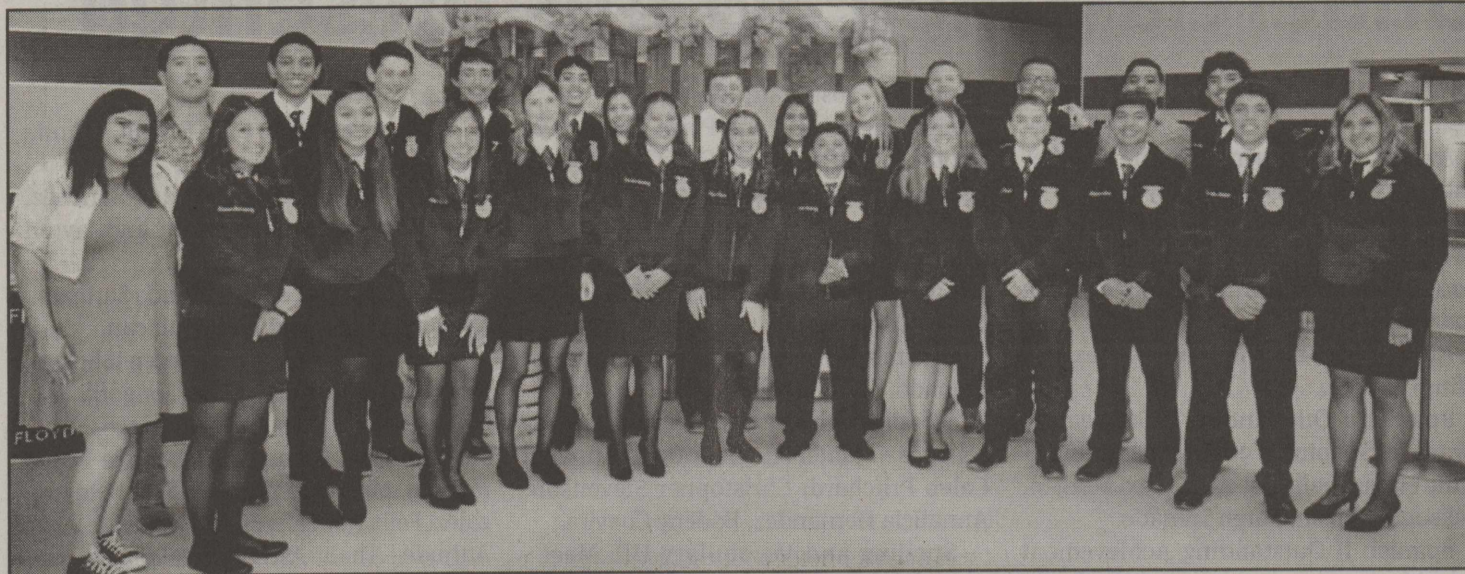


Floydada Whirlwinds

Floydada FFA presents awards for 2020-21

Photos courtesy of Sonya Glass



STAFF REPORTS

The Floydada Chapter of FFA presented their awards for the 2020-21 school year during their annual banquet on Monday, May 17 in the Floydada Collegiate High School cafeteria. More than 50 FFA members were recognized.

Ryder Glass, a Texas FFA State Finalist, was recognized for receiving several FFA and ag scholarships. He will interview in Stephenville on June 3. Glass received the following scholarships: Floyd County Stock Show Scholarship, \$1,000; Floyd County Stock Show Sweepstakes Winner, \$500; Officer Scholarship; and the Ag Youth of the Month Scholarship. FFA degrees were awarded as follows.

Greenhand FFA Degrees went to Edgar Cervera, Armando Cruz, Noe De Los Santos III, Carisa Fernandez, Miya Fipps, Billy Garcia, Tyler Gillespie, Stormy Henry, Hagen Hinsley, Reese Hinsley, Alea Lira, Ilan Lopez, Matthew Luna, Rosantina Martinez, Reyna Sanchez, Jaxson Smith and Derrik Suarez.

Star Greenhand Degree went to Hagen Hinsley.

Chapter Degrees were awarded to Jaycee Caudle, Nate Garza and Brandon Marquez.

Star Chapter went to Nate Garza.

FLOYDADA FFA MEMBERS attending the banquet were (front row, from left) Karen Lira, Carisa Fernandez, Reyna Sanchez, Alea Lira, Jaycee Caudle, Rosantina Martinez, Miya Fipps, Derrik Suarez, Stormy Henry, Jaxson Smith, Matthew Luna, Noe De Los Santos, Natalee Romero. Back row, from left: Hermilio Martinez, Brandon Marquez, Hagen Hinsley, Tyler Gillespie, Nate Garza, Jazmin Pacheco, Ryder Glass, Kaitlyn Vega, Ashlyn Green, Peyton Anderson, Billy Garcia, Alexyz Alvarado and Ilan Lopez.



2020-21 FLOYDADA FFA RETIRING OFFICERS are president, Ryder Glass; vice-president, Kaitlyn Vega; secretary, Ashlyn Green; treasurer, Jazmin Pacheco; reporter, Nate Garza; sentinel, Peyton Anderson; student advisor, Brandon Marquez.



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Flute quartet competes—virtually

FLOYDADA – The Floydada Collegiate High School state-advancing Flute Quartet competed at the virtual competition, recorded at the Floydada Performing Arts Center and judged virtually in Austin.

FCHB Band Director Mr. Piland said, "The judging took place over the past week, and we received the results on Thursday, May 27." "Their competition entailed performing a grade 1 (the hardest there is) from the UIL approved literature list," added Piland.

"The state competition sees contestants from all schools in the state (1A – 6A). Their rating was not based on a ranking against others, but they did compete along all other schools," commented Piland.

The FCHB Band "Flute Quartet" members are Jody Briones, Anyssa Sanchez, Holley Monroe and Alex De Los Santos.

Last February the Flute Quartet competed at the Region Solo & Ensemble held in Crosbyton and received a division 1 (Superior) rating. In April they also received a division 1 rating at the Abernathy Band Festival.

Piland added, "The students worked extremely hard to perform this well, and both Mr. Peña and I are very proud of them. The piece was a challenging one, and they all grew tremendously as a team and as musical artists."

FLOYDADA JUNIOR FFA MEMBERS

From left: Sydni Chesshir, Payten Shuping, Abigail Reyes, Aubrianna Martinez, Hector Flores, Justin Torres, DJ Sanchez, Armando Chavarria III, Miranda Reyes and Allyson Romero. Not pictured were Braeson Ballesteros and Braden Eddlemen.



FLOYDADA FFA HONORARY CHAPTER MEMBERS recognized were Bill and Sonya Glass. Floydada agriculture science teacher Alejandra Ramirez (right) presented the Glasses with the award.



DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award was presented to Ryder Glass by incoming president Kaitlyn Vega.

SEVERAL AWARDS were presented by 2020-21 chapter president Ryder Glass (at right in each photograph):



THE STAR GREENHAND AWARD was presented to Hagen Hinsley (left).



THE WORK HORSE AWARD was presented to Tyler Gillespie (left).



The STAR CHAPTER DEGREE award was presented to Nate Garza (left).



THE TOP FUNDRAISER BELT BUCKLE WINNER was given to Miranda Reyes (left).



BLUE AND GOLD AWARD was presented to Jaxson Smith (left).

NOTICE - FLOYDADA ISD

FLOYDADA ISD SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Floydada ISD is participating in the Summer Food Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times as follows:

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11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Monday - Thursday
June 1 thru June 30, 2021
July 6 thru July 22, 2021

MENU

June 7 – June 10

Monday

Pepperoni pizza, peppered corn, fruit, milk

Tuesday

Chicken nuggets, roll, oven fries, orange, milk

Wednesday

Popcorn chicken, roll, baked beans, apple, milk

Thursday

Ham cheese sub, oven fries, orange, milk

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Biologists remind public not to touch wildlife

TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE

AUSTIN—With more people enjoying the outdoors this spring season, you may start to notice more wildlife in your backyard, neighborhood or surrounding areas. Species including birds, deer and snakes are active this time of year and their young often stray or appear to be abandoned. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) experts caution against lending a helping hand.

Animals that are most often picked up by well-meaning citizens are baby birds and deer fawns. However, it is important to realize that many such human-animal encounters are unnecessary and can even be detrimental to the wildlife concerned.

The deer fawning season begins in early to mid-May. A newborn fawn's mottled coat and mother's care usually hides them from predators. As fawns mature, they shed these coats for a more adult color which causes them to catch the eye. A doe may leave her fawn for hours at a time while she is browsing for food. During that time people may spot a fawn lying alone in tall grass or in a brushy area. Many people interfere with the fawn thinking that they have been abandoned by their mothers and need help. This is rarely the case.

Leave all young animals alone unless it is obviously injured or orphaned. To be sure, spend time observing the wild animal from a distance to make that determination. Staying too close may deter the mother from returning. Interfering to soon may do more harm than good.

The same principals apply to young birds, who might be out of their nests but cannot fly. If the bird's eyes are open, it has a coat of feathers and is hopping around, it is probably fine. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days.

If it is determined that a wild animal is sick or injured, TPWD encourages citizens to contact a permitted wildlife rehabilitator. Please note that TPWD staff advise the public not to handle or attempt to transport injured, sick or orphaned wildlife. Learn more about what to do upon encountering orphaned or injured wildlife, and how to contact rehabilitators on the TPWD Wildlife Division website.



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Cattle Market Report, week ending May 27, 2021

	Lubbock 5/25/21	Tulia 5/27/21	Hollis 5/22/21	Floydada 5/19/21
Steers	200-300			180-215
	300-400	175-186.75		155-184
	400-500	150-185	168-192	143-175
	500-600	132-155		135-168
	600-700	120-128	144-200	127-159
	700-800	110-125	135	118-140
	800-900+		111.5-135	100-132
Heifers	200-300			160-212
	300-400	145-164		135-165
	400-500	135-155	140-144.5	125-155
	500-600	125-140	138	120-148
	600-700	115-128	125-134	115-135
	700-800	105-125	119.25-128	105-127
	800-900+		108.5-122	80-120
Bred Cows	Young			900-1100
	Older			700-900
Pairs	Young	900-1200		1000-1450
	Older	600-800		850-1100
Packer Cows		62-75.5	50-88	
	Fat			60-65
	Boners			65-74
	Thin	50-60		45-57
Packer Bulls		94-103	78-100	
	High Yield			85-103
	Low Yield			70-83

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Xcel Energy prepared for summer's high demand

STAFF REPORTS

AMARILLO—Xcel Energy's ongoing investments in generating capacity and targeted grid improvements are expected to provide reliable service across the company's Texas-New Mexico service area as summer's heat sets in.

"While nothing can be taken for granted, we are confident our system is ready for the hottest days this summer," said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy - New Mexico, Texas. "We've invested billions of dollars over the past decade in clean energy resources, new and expanded substations and hundreds of miles of new and updated power lines to ensure we have the capacity to meet expected demands on our system."

Xcel Energy as well as Lighthouse Electric Cooperative and Floydada Power and Light are part of the Southwest Power Pool, which oversees the reliability of a multistate transmission network and operates a wholesale power market. A decade's worth of investment in new transmission connections within the regional service area and to other SPP members has allowed Xcel Energy to tap into abundant power supplies that supplement a large amount of generating capacity located within the region, Hudson said.

SPP is not connected to the Texas grid operated by ERCOT, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. In a May 6 news release providing a summer outlook, ERCOT mentioned "low-probability, high-impact situations similar to the February winter event" could occur if surging demand creates another energy shortage, but talk of possible deficiencies pertains to ERCOT and not Xcel Energy and the SPP.

"Our Texas customers may hear reports of potential power shortages downstate, but it's important to remember these reports are discussing conditions outside of the Xcel Energy service area," Hudson said. "From a planning standpoint, we are in a better position in the Panhandle and South Plains than the rest of Texas when it comes to meeting high summer demand."

Hudson also pointed out that the company has invested heavily in local distribution systems to ensure power flows freely on hot days. Projects such as the

Western Street and Hunsley substations in Amarillo and the new Sisko Substation in Carlsbad are just a few examples of recent projects designed to boost the capacity of the distribution network.

Recent projects to standardize the voltages in area communities, including Amarillo, Plainview and Carlsbad, ensure that if heat-related outages do occur, crews can quickly reroute power to minimize disruptions. "It's an ongoing effort to keep our system at peak readiness and to ensure we have the capacity to grow," Hudson said.

Xcel Energy recently updated its "Our Energy Future Southwest" page at xcelenergy.com that provides more detailed information on investments in the region's electric system, including the 522-megawatt Sagamore Wind Project in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, that was completed in 2020.

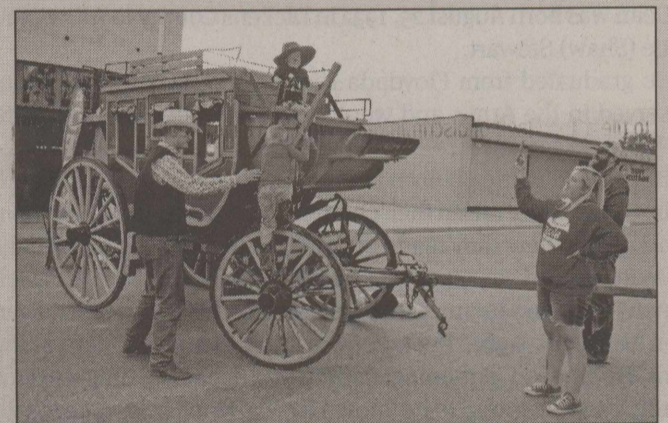
OLD SETTLERS REUNION 2021

Cow Patty Bingo winners

STAFF REPORTS

At the 91st Floyd County Old Settlers Reunion May 27, a favorite community activity returned: cow patty bingo. Here are the winners whose numbers came up. Thanks to those who participated, and those who volunteered to set up the game and provide the cows!

1st place \$300: Mac Sherman; 2nd place, \$200: E. Thrasher; 3rd place, \$100 Penny Ogden.



STAGECOACH JOURNEY An authentic 19th-century stagecoach was the centerpiece of a full evening of photo ops and family-friendly activity in Silverton last Saturday when Cowboy Rick Hamby and Arkansas Bev, along with their crew, brought pen pal letters from Missouri students to trade with Texas kids—continuing the mission of the Butterfield-Overland Stage and other old-time freighters to deliver the mail cross-country. The stage will be at the Comanchero Canyons Museum in Quitaque next Saturday, June 5.

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SPOTLIGHT ON FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

STORY AND PHOTOS BY YELENA SERRATO



RIGHT TO THE POINT
Sheryl Back's favorite item in her pencil sharpener collection is one that depicts the ill-fated ocean liner Titanic.

Pencil sharpener collection a unique inheritance

On display at Floyd museum through July

YELENA SERRATO | HESPERIAN-BEACON

More than half a century ago, Loretta Burns of Floydada began accumulating an interesting assortment of collectibles: pencil sharpeners.

Burns' daughter, Sheryl Back who still resides in Floydada, continued to add to the legacy after her mother died in 2016. Her sisters, Sherry Hacker and Rhonda Guthrie and brother, Ricky Burns, also helped. "When my mom passed," Sheryl explained, "she said 'You're the one that gave me the most, so I am going to give these to you.'"

Back began adding to the collection. She bought the Titanic pencil sharpener in Branson, Missouri, after her mother's passing, and it became a sentimental favorite. It's also the highest one in value.

The pencil-sharpener collection now numbers 150. Some are traditional and utilitarian, while others are whimsical and artistic. They've come from

many different sources.

"I have traveled to every state in the U.S. expect for Alaska and on each trip, I would find them at stores and truck stops," said Back. "I have even bought some at the Lubbock Fair."

Although not all of Back's examples look like your "normal" pencil sharpener, each one has a moveable part and all are in great condition for use. "My granddaughter uses them all the time," said Back. "However, the most difficult thing is dusting them. It took me two days to get them all dusted."

Back hopes that the pencil sharpener collection started by her mother and siblings will continue to grow for future generations of their family.

Back's collection of pencil sharpeners is currently on display for public viewing at the Floyd County Historical Museum until the beginning of July. The museum is open Monday-Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.



SPOTLIGHT ON BRENT SANDERS RETIREMENT

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BRENT SANDERS recently retired from Lighthouse Electric Cooperative after 44 years. To thank him for his service and dedication Lighthouse hosted a luncheon in his honor last Friday. Several family members celebrated with Brent as Lighthouse Electric gave him a retirement luncheon. Family included were (back row, from left) Rance Young, Katie Hightower, Brent Sanders, Nancy Young, Abby Sanders, Brad Sanders; (front row, from left) Sarah Sanders, Addison Hightower, Aybree Taylor, Ella Hightower, and Aaron Taylor. Not pictured was Kyan Taylor.



PRIDE AND JOY The grandkids were so excited to be celebrating with their "Pop Pop" last Friday. All smiles were (back row, l-r) Ella Hightower, Aaron Taylor, Kyan Taylor; (front row, l-r) Addison Hightower, Pop Pop (aka Brent Sanders), and Aybree Taylor. | COURTESY PHOTOS

OPENING GAME THURSDAY, JUNE 3

Diamond Dusters start summer league play, hold softball camp

STAFF REPORTS

The Floydada Diamond Dusters softball team, players from the Lady Winds High School softball team, will start their summer league play on Thursday, June 3 at Shallowater. Other teams in this high-school aged summer league are Plainview, Crosbyton, Ralls, New Home, Dimmitt, Estacado, Littlefield, Abernathy, Shallowater, Slaton and Sudan. Games will be played in Floydada at Annie Taylor Park on Thursday, June 17 and on Tuesday, June 22. Diamond Dusters Softball Camp 2021 will be held Thursday, June 17, Friday, June 18, and Saturday, June 19 at the Annie Taylor Park. The camp is for girls ages 7-15; cost is \$35. Instructors will be Gilbert Trevino, Eric Perez and a few of the members of the Lady Winds High School softball team. Camp times are: Ages 7-11, 8:30-10 a.m.; and ages 12-15, 10:15-11.45 a.m. A registration form can be found on the Hesperian-Beacon's Facebook page. For more information contact Gilbert Trevino at (806) 407-6240 or Eric Perez at (806) 292-9102.

DIAMOND DUSTERS SOFTBALL 2021

Summer League Schedule

DATE	LOCATION				TIME
Thursday June 3rd	Shallowater	Littlefield	Estacado	Abernathy	
	SHS vs RHS	LHS vs SUHS	NHH vs SLHS	AHS vs PHS	5:30
	FHS vs SHS	SUHS vs DHS	SLHS vs EHS	CHS vs PHS	6:45
	RHS vs FHS	LHS vs DHS	NHH vs EHS	AHS vs CHS	8:00

Friday June 4th Ralls Tournament 100 per team PAP

DATE	LOCATION	TIME			
Thursday June 10th	Slaton	Dimmitt	Shallowater	Plainview	
	SLHS vs RHS	FHS vs NHH	SHS vs EHS	PHS vs EHS	5:30
	SUHS vs RHS	NHH vs DHS	ESH vs LHS	EHS vs FHS	6:45
	SUHS vs SLHS	DHS vs FHS	SHS vs LHS	PHS vs FHS	8:00

DATE	LOCATION	TIME			
Tuesday June 15th	Sudan	New Home	Ralls	Estacado	
	SUHS vs SLHS	NHH vs AHS		EHS vs LL	5:30
	SLHS vs CHS	PHS vs AHS	RHS vs LHS	LL vs FHS	6:45
	SUHS vs CHS	NHH vs PHS	RHS vs LHS	EHS vs FHS	8:00

DATE	LOCATION	TIME			
Thursday June 17th	Dimmitt	Floydada	Slaton	Littlefield	
	DHS vs PHS	FHS vs RHS	SLHS vs EHS	LHS vs AHS	5:30
	SHS vs PHS	SUHS vs RHS	NHH vs EHS	AHS vs CHS	6:45
	DHS vs SHS	FHS vs SUHS	SLHS vs NHH	LHS vs CHS	8:00

DATE	LOCATION	TIME			
Tuesday June 22nd	New Home	Ralls	Floydada	Crosbyton	
	NHH vs LHS	RHS vs PHS	FHS vs SLHS	CHS vs AHS	5:30
	LHS vs SUHS	PHS vs EHS	LL vs SLHS	CHS vs AHS	6:45
	NHH vs SUHS	RHS vs EHS	FHS vs LL		8:00

June 24-26th Littlefield end of season tournament

TEAMS		
SHS = Shallowater	SUHS = Sudan	PHS = Plainview
FHS = Floydada	SLHS = Slaton	CHS = Crosbyton
RHS = Ralls	EHS = Estacado	LL = Leveland
NHH = New Home	LHS = Littlefield	
DHS = Dimmitt	ABH = Abernathy	

Floydada salutes 2021 graduates during commencement ceremony

YELENA SERRATO | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Floydada Collegiate High School celebrated the graduating class of 2021 during its commencement ceremony on May 20. FCHS graduated a total of 43 seniors, with family and friends in the attendance to show their support. FCHS principal Wayne Morren recognized Ryder Glass, son of Bill and Sonya Glass, as the class valedictorian and Kyle Bruington, son of Scotty and Jennifer Bruington, as the 2021 salutatorian.

Congratulations class of 2021! Our community is proud of each of you and we wish you the best in your future endeavors

